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WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMISSION OPINION ON WHETHER THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL ON EXCLUSIVE USE WOULD ALLOW MARKETING OF CLEARLY IDENTIFIED NON-DAIRY PRODUCTS. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL (REF C) IS AMBIGUOUS, ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS TO PRECLUDE MARKETING OF MIXED DAIRY AND NON-DAIRY PRODUCTS UNDER ANY LABEL. NEVERTHELESS, ARTICLE 2 OF THE PROPOSAL CLEARLY ALLOWS CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS (E.G. DIET FOOD, ANIMAL FEEDSTUFFS, ETC.). THE COMMISSION SOURCE WE WERE ABLE TO REACH DID NOT GIVE US THE IMPRESSION WE SHOULD PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO HIS CONJECTURES. WE WILL HAVE TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION FURTHER NEXT WEEK. OUR COMMISSION SOURCE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE COUNCIL CAN ACT DEFINITELY, AND OBVIOUSLY THE PROPOSAL SO FAR LACKS PRECISION. CONSEQUENTLY, HE FORESEES THAT THE BEST THE DECEMBER 20 COUNCIL CAN DO IS

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